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Rep. Boucher Teaches Women at Campaign School About Running for Office



State Rep. Toni Boucher, R-143rd, Wilton, Norwalk, has addressed women candidates at the Women's Campaign School at Yale University about running for political office and the good that can be accomplished if elected. This is the second year she has been invited to address the class.

Speaking to a group of women from Connecticut, throughout the United States and Mexico, Rep. Boucher said, "Some see politics as a game that is played, but I see it as serious business, important business that affects the lives of people in the district. The decision to run should not be taken lightly."

"Many see elective public service as an exciting experience," she said. "In reality, it can be challenging, many times difficult and always demanding. It takes an extraordinary amount of dogged determination, multi-tasking and time; and, in some cases, luck and timing play a role. You may have to sacrifice much of your personal and professional life in the process."

In running and serving in office, Rep. Boucher also urged the candidates to listen to the good advice she was given, summarized in three C's: conscience, constituents and caucus. She also stressed the importance of ethics and maintaining public trust in government.

She said the first priority is to listen to your conscience. The second is to listen to your constituents, and thirdly to work with colleagues in your own legislative caucus and across the aisle in the other party caucus to pass legislation for the benefit of your district and the entire state.

"Government operates only with the trust and support of the voters," said Rep. Boucher. "Public officials should always act with the highest ethical standards to maintain that public trust."

When making a decision or commitment," she added, "your word should be your bond. You must keep your word at all times, so be thoughtful and deliberative before you give it."

“Campaigns take work, hard work, and more time than you think,” Rep. Boucher said. “There is some luck, but mostly it is hard work.”

Rep. Boucher added, “I am inspired to see women from other countries running for public office. They clearly are influenced by the activism of women in this country who hold elective office at all levels.”

If women are interested in more information about the campaign school, they can call (800) 353-2878 or email wcsyale@wcstale.org.

Rep. Boucher addressed the campaign school July 14 and will speak again August 11. She serves the 143rd Assembly District of Wilton and Norwalk in the state House of Representatives. She is assistant minority leader, as well as a member of the legislature’s Appropriations Committee, Education Committee and Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.